

INAUGURAL MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD LAST WEEK

The first meeting of the new school board was held in the schoolhouse on Tuesday last week and at the outset it was moved.

Stuart-Lewthwaite—That Trustee N. S. Kenny be apptd chairman for 1921.—Carried.

In taking the chair the new appointed spoke a few words and said he felt that the whole Board were alive to the benefits of a broadminded policy. They could agree to disagree on different points when necessary so long as the majority ruled, and all contentious matters would, he felt sure, be settled right there within the Board.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed on a motion by Washburn-Stuart.

Dealing with business arising out of the minutes, it was moved.

Stuart-Washburn—That Mr. N. Cook be notified regarding acceptance of his premises for school purposes and that he be asked to have leave for same prepared.—Carried.

(This was with regard to the leasing of the old "Star" office as an additional school.)

Lewthwaite-Boyd—That the accounts be passed for payment.—Carried.

It was pointed out by the secretary that the school account at the bank was overdrawn to the extent of \$1228.02, as no requisition was made upon the town by the board during December.

For the purpose of obtaining necessary funds to carry on it was moved.

Washburn-Lewthwaite—That a requisition for the sum of \$2,700 be made upon the town secretary for school purposes.—Carried.

A communication was read from E. L. Fuller, official trustee, re school furnishings for sale from Breckford school (now closed).

Stuart-Washburn—That letter be filed, and secretary write Mr. Fuller that the Board had sufficient equipment at present.—Carried.

The report of the school attendance officer, showing no absences was accepted and filed on the motion of Boyd-Lewthwaite.

F. G. Cope handed in his resignation as sec-treas. of the Board owing to pressure of other business and it was resolved.

Lewthwaite-Boyd—That Mr. Cope's resignation as sec-treas. of the Board be accepted with regret and that Mr. D. M. Hyatt be appointed at an annual salary of \$1000 payable quarterly, and that Mr. Cope be relieved of the secretarial work at once and of the treasurer's work as soon as the books are audited.

The committees for 1921 were then struck as follows:—

Property—Messrs Boyd (chairman) and Lewthwaite.

Finance—Messrs Washburn (chairman) and Stuart.

It was then moved by Washburn-Stuart—That Mr. W. T. Suckling, M. A., be apptd principal of Wainwright school from January 1st at an annual salary of \$2,000.00.—Carried.

Principal Suckling then gave a brief synopsis of the conditions in the school during the few days he had had charge, and in a well chosen speech, outlined his policy for getting the best results for all concerned. He mentioned that he was highly in favor of monthly examinations, so that teachers and parents could mark the progress of pupils and also advocated a system of physical drill, calisthenics, cadet drill etc. He brought before the Board a request from a meeting of the whole teaching staff that the use of the school premises be granted to them for the purpose of holding community social gatherings between the high school pupils, and their parents, teachers, etc. His idea was that such gatherings (finishing up, possibly, with a little dance) would prove mutually beneficial, and tend to the broadening of the minds of the pupils as well as being of value from a department standpoint.

Each member of the Board spoke on this matter, and although the question of dancing seemed a rankling point with some, others might possibly favor a trial of the idea after having given the matter more mature consideration; but no member would commit himself to a snap judgement on the question.

The subject was closed by



JUST BACK FROM RUSSIA

Washington D. Vanderlip, the Los Angeles engineer and promoter, who is reported to have acquired concessions in Siberia from the Russian Soviet government, photographed upon his arrival in New York.

UNIVERSITY SENATE AUTHORISE COURSE ART & AGRICULTURE

The Senate of the University of Alberta has authorized the College of Agriculture to institute a combined course in arts and agriculture. By this action, a student, having matriculation standing for entrance may secure both degrees, B. A. and B. S. A., in six years.

The course as outlined will consist of work in the Faculty of Arts during the first two years. In the third year begins the instruction of science subjects which are foundational to the course in the regular arts work. The last three years are practically all agriculture, but these also include work in English, mathematics, and political economy.

It might be explained that this course aims to supply a need felt in connection with high school work. The high school course of studies for Grade XI in the Province of Alberta, includes a rather comprehensive course in agriculture. Up to the present time this has been taken as science. In the schools, the trend of the work must be obvious since these science teachers have not been trained in agriculture. It is felt that a graduate in arts and agriculture should be in a position to undertake the science work in high schools and be at the same time equipped with an agricultural training. Of course the advantage of this combined course over any single course is also obvious.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Major A. Pecknold, late R.I.R., who died at Wainwright, January 13th, 1919. Fondly remembered by his widow and children.

Lewthwaite-Boyd—That the request from the staff for the use of the school building for social purposes be received, and that this Board endorse the proposal with the present restriction that formal dancing be restrained from.—Carried.

Regarding the caretaking of the new downtown school it was moved.

Washburn-Stuart—That Mr. James Maynes be apptd janitor of the temporary school building on Main Street at a salary of \$15 per month; and also that the property committee be authorized to make all necessary improvements there at and report at the next meeting.—Carried.

Before adjourning the Board decided that the first Monday of each month should be the regular meeting night, and authorised the Secretary to procure copies of the School Act and amendments for the use of the members.

LOCAL G. W. V. A. HOLD REGULAR MTG.

The Council Chamber was well filled on last-day evening last when the local War Veterans assembled for their monthly business meeting. President C. T. Lally occupied the chair.

Among the items of interest were the following:—
Secretary F. G. Cope presented the financial report in connection with the Annual Ball held on New Year's Eve. Members were much gratified to hear that the effort was a financial success.

A. H. Madsen delegate for the local to the Annual Convention recently held in Medicine Hat presented his report, which was well received.

It is quite evident that a readjustment to post-war conditions is taking place in the G. W. V. A. throughout Alberta.

A committee was elected to complete arrangements for a smoker and social, to be held for returned soldiers only, in Washburn's Hall on February 12th.

GREENSHIELD GEMS

Wedding Bells are ringing! News has reached us of the marriage of Miss Una L. Carl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carl to Gordon E. Lightfoot, on December 24th at Portland, Oregon.

Also, on Monday afternoon Miss Ethel Jerram became the bride of Mr. W. J. Villiers, of Blue River, B. C. formerly of Greenshields.

The annual ratemakers meeting of the Holmstead S. D. was held on Friday afternoon January 7th, when H. A. Lewis retired from the board of trustees, and H. P. Jackson was elected for the term of three years. The meeting was very well attended.

Our old townsman Bob Kenny was in town for a couple of days this week.

Miss Amelia Love, who was on the list of "fashionables" (with the mumps) for the past two or three weeks has now recovered and is back at her switchboard duties.

ADELINE REBEKAHS INSTAL OFFICES FOR CURRENT TERM

Thursday last saw a busy evening for the local Rebekah lodge, when in addition to the initiation of two new members, an district deputy president, S. E. Gerok, with a full suite of P. G.'s installed the officers of the lodge for the current term. Refreshments were served before the meeting broke up, and the whole proved a very enjoyable affair.

The following were the new officers installed:—
J. P. G.—Sis. B. Davidson.
N. G.—Sis. H. McLeod.
V. G.—Sis. A. Macell.
Sec.—Sis. A. L. Neill.
Treas.—Sis. M. Love.
War-Sis. M. Turner.
Con-Sis. N. Huntingford.
Chap.—Sis. A. Turner.
R. S. N. G.—Sis. A. Coffield.
L. S. N. G.—Sis. E. Rosholt.
R. S. V. G.—Sis. F. Laird.
L. S. V. G.—Sis. M. Kenny.
I. G.—Sis. H. Cork.
O. G. Bro. H. McLeod.
Org.—Sis. I. Mills.

At the close of the installation ceremony, a pleasing little function took place, when D. D. P. Sister Gerok presented the retiring N. G. Sis. Davidson with a P. G. Jewel and pin in a few well chosen remarks. The recipient ably responded, and thanked the members for the help she had been given during her term of office.

RED X SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in Edmonton on Friday, January 21st, on Saturday, January 22nd, 1921. The meeting will be opened at Governor, in the First Baptist Church, the corner of 102nd Street and 102nd Avenue. Arrangements are being made for a joint session between the Red Cross and the U. E. W. A.

POLICE MAGISTRATE DECIDES BEEF SOLD MUST BE INSPECTED

A case of unusual interest to farmers generally was decided before Police Magistrate J. H. Dawson last week, when he imposed a fine of \$1000 and costs upon the defendant who pleaded ignorance of the law.

It is clearly stated by the Stock Inspection Act that all cattle sold for food must be inspected and stamped on each quarter by a duly authorised government inspector or brand reader, before being disposed of, and this is a point that our farmer readers will do well to remember as the penalty runs up to \$100 and costs.

SKATING RINK PROGRAMME

For the benefit of users of the rink in general and so that our readers may not meet disappointment in their "dates" we are publishing the programme which has been arranged by the athletic club for this season. It is as follows:—

Monday—Skating
Tuesday—Hockey
Wednesday—Skating—Afternoon and Evening
Thursday—Hockey—7 to 8 p.m.
Junior Hockey: 8 to 9 p.m.
Girls Hockey: 9 to 10 p.m. Senior Hockey.
Friday—As arranged.
Saturday—Skating—Afternoon and Evening.
Skating is free for the school children during the afternoons.

REVISION SCHOOL CURRICULUM NOW NEARLY COMPLETE

FALL TERM OF 1921
WILL SEE CHANGES

The preliminary work in connection with revision of the public school curriculum in Alberta is now practically completed, and steps will be taken presently to arrange for the actual re-writing of the course of study in order to bring it ready for the fall term of 1921.

Questionnaires sent out some months ago by the department of education to local school boards, teachers associations, Canadian Clubs, women's organizations, and boards of trade have not only been answered, and the trustees' associations will deal with them at their approaching meetings. These questionnaires asked for an expression of opinion from the several sources indicated as to the present school curriculum, whether or not too heavily loaded, what should be taken from it or added to it, and in a general way how it might be improved and made more practical.

The mass of material secured in answer to the department's question will be examined shortly and for that purpose a general committee may be appointed with instructions to bring in a report to the minister. Some very good and pertinent suggestions have been received, it is stated by officials in the department, and when they have been tabulated and digested it is expected that a number of ways in which the curriculum can be improved will be ready for consideration by the government authorities. The educational experts admit that the study course in the public schools as at present being followed is in need of revision and, some beneficial results are looked for from the inquiries now being made. What is likely to happen, it is said, is that in several cases the work will be re-organized within the course itself, without necessarily eliminating any particular subjects of study, but in such way as to emphasize the features of the greatest possible value.

After the public school curriculum has been thus revised it is possible that the high school courses will be similarly dealt with. The work is being taken up in Alberta independently, and the proposed changes will effect this province only.

The children of St. Thomas S.S. are being given their annual Christmas treat on Friday evening next in the Oddfellows' hall.

OWNERS OF FIREARMS MUST HAVE PERMIT

W. C. Bryan, superintendent of the Alberta Provincial Police, sends from Edmonton a notice to the various detachments concerning the necessity of people having permits to keep firearms in their possession. Supt. Bryan states that probably nine-tenths of the people of the province are not aware of the amendment to the Criminal Code concerning this requirement.

This amendment has special reference to sub-section (a) of Section 2 of Chapter 43, an Act to Amend the Criminal Code, assented to July 1st, 1920, which prohibits the possession of any firearms without a permit the only exception being that a British subject now in possession of a shot gun does not require a permit to keep same.

It is very likely that in hundreds of houses within this district are to be found rifles and revolvers of various calibres. These are the things for which firearms of this kind should be seen by the Police and get a permit.

EDGERTON ECHOES

Mrs. Hill was a visitor with her children to Wainwright for a day or two.

Mr. H. S. B. Wheeler left for Edmonton on Monday to spend a few days on business.

Mrs. W. Warnock was visiting friends in Chauvin as also was Mr. P. Milne.

The Misses Cox and Newell, who have been residing in the Jargson Block for the past two years have now moved to the Kelly cottage.

Mrs. Woodriff, of Prospect Valley underwent a successful operation at the hands of Dr. Smith and we wish her speedy recovery.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. Alwood, who lives about 7 miles South, had the misfortune to suffer a broken leg when his load of wheat accidentally upset. He is progressing favorably in the hands of Doc Smith.

"LIGHT & POWER" CUP COMPETITION ENGAGES CURLERS

The following results were obtained last week in the "Wainwright Light and Power Company's" cup competition:—

Tuesday			
Clute	13	Mills	3
Hudson	6	Fish	9
Perkins	12	Brown	8
Bryant	12	Dunsmore	1
Wednesday			
Dewar	10	Fieldhouse	8
Gerow	5	Pigeon	5
Forster	12	Clute	2
Mills	7	Hudson	5
Thursday			
Fish	10	Perkins	10
Brown	2	Bryant	2
Dunsmore	11	Dewar	9
Fieldhouse	8	Gerow	8
Friday			
Clute	8	Pigeon	9
Mills	9	Forster	7
Hudson	10	Bryant	10
Brown	6	Fish	6
Saturday			
Perkins	7	Dunsmore	6
Fieldhouse	12	Pigeon	12
Dewar	7	Forster	8
Gerow	5	Mills	5

The standing of the rinks to the same date was:—

Rink	Won	Lost	Points
Perkins	3	0	3
Bryant	2	1	2
Clute	2	1	2
Mills	2	1	2
Dewar	2	1	2
Fieldhouse	1	2	1
Fish	1	2	1
Forster	1	2	1
Hudson	1	2	1
Dunsmore	1	2	1
Gerow	1	2	1
Pigeon	1	2	1
Brown	1	2	1

The Killam Eyesight Specialist who is at the Park Hotel will be here until the evening of Thursday, January 20th. See him at once if bothered with your eyes. Price and terms are reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

WHEAT POOL WILL MEAN GRAIN TRADE REVOLUTION



TO WED CROWN PRINCE

The beautiful Princess Helen, eldest daughter of Ex-king Constantine of Greece, who is to wed Crown Prince Charles of Roumania. The royal engagement has just been officially announced.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RAISE A BUSHEL OF WHEAT; & WHY!

Among the farmers of the district there is at present much discussion concerning wheat at the cost of its production, and a bulletin which has been issued by the North Dakota agricultural college, which contains material of great interest in this matter. It shows the results of a co-operative experiment covering two groups of farms for the State of N. Dakota; one group of 113 farm and another group of 350.

The object of the work was to obtain reasonably accurate information as to the cost of producing wheat and some conclusions were drawn, which while not final, are most instructive. One item that seems to have been underestimated was the charge for the use of the land. This was put at \$3.10 per acre; disregarding entirely the loss of fertility resulting from production of the crop. Other items of cost considered were the seed, man power, horse power, machinery, twine, fertilizer, crop insurance, threshing and manure.

The record covers the year 1919, which it was conceded was an unfavorable year for crop production. On 113 farms the cost per bushel varied from \$1.84 to \$6.82, depending upon the yield per acre, which varied from 1 to 17.5 bushels per acre. Fifty per cent of the wheat produced on this group of farms was raised at an average cost of about \$2.00 per bushel, while the other fifty per cent cost over \$3.00 per bushel.

Of the 350 farm group, the average cost was \$19.98 per acre and \$2.75 per bushel. The cost ranged from \$8.53 to \$35.47 per acre, and from \$1.21 to \$14.38 per bushel. The average yield per acre was 72 bushels, the range in yield was from one to 17.5 bushels per acre. The wide range in yield and cost points directly to the value of increasing average yield as a means of reducing the cost of production and thus increasing the profits of wheat growing.

LORD BURHAM PROPOSED NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL

According to the London Daily News, Viscount Burnham will be offered the Governor-Generalship of Canada in recognition of his long substantial services to the government. Lord Burnham recently returned from a visit to Canada with the Imperial Press Conference party, and was in Wainwright with them at the time of their visit. Lord Burnham is more familiarly known as Sir Harry Lawson, and is the publisher of the London Daily Telegraph.

If the proposed wheat pool is successfully organized it will mean a revolution in the grain trade in Canada, and some already in the trade are afraid of what the future might bring forth, as shown by the fact that certain grain interests have adopted the policy of the fall page advertisement in the daily and weekly press, pointing out the benefits as they see them, of the present system of selling grain through the grain exchanges. There are many difficulties yet to be overcome before the pool can be put into effect and the committee still busily engaged in attending to the matter, and for this reason it is not yet possible to gain any authoritative information.

Whether a proposal for co-operation is the best means of dealing with the situation it can be said quite definitely that the farmers of Western Canada are determined that sooner or later they will handle their grain on a co-operative basis, and they thus will get the full returns from the products of their labor.

We hear a lot about the operations of the grain exchanges and the trading in options, but to a company legitimately in the business the option market is a necessity, just as much as fire insurance is to a merchant. It is quite true that the marketing of grain through options has come in for considerable criticism and some dispute owing to gambling in futures, but it cannot be fairly said, so has horse racing betting and even baseball. The gambling element is very hard to overcome and a commodity such as grain readily lends itself to the manipulations of the gambler. There is no doubt that the option market, especially the operations of such places as the Winnipeg exchange, which is possibly an outstanding example of gambling carried to the extreme. It has been pointed out many seasons ago that never contemplated that wheat or wheat has been traded in on the floor of that exchange than could be grown in the Dominion in the next ninety years.

Those people who are worrying about the exchange value of the dollar and the proposed embargo upon Canadian products have apparently not considered one way of stabilizing exchange and also bringing United States to its commercial senses. Why not take the Farmers' policy and simply chop off our tariff on goods coming from Britain? That would help to build up the British pound and it would have a very great influence upon the commercial policy of United States. That would be a form of retaliation which would not injure, but on the contrary would very greatly benefit Canada.

Advices from Mr. C. E. Saunders, Dominion cerealist at Ottawia, say that the annual free distribution of samples of seed grain will be conducted as usual at the central experimental farm. The following kinds of seed are to be sent out this season:—
Spring wheat (in about 5lb samples); white oats (about 4lb); barley (about 3lb); field peas (in about 5lb); field beans (about 2lb); flax (about 2lb).

SEED GRAIN WILL AGAIN BE SENT FOR EXPERIMENT

Only one sample will be sent to each applicant.

Applications must be on printed forms which may be obtained by writing to the Dominion cerealist Experimental Farm, Ottawa at any time up to February 1st, 1921.

As the stock of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, while those who applied too late last season are particularly requested to send in their names at once so that application forms can be sent to them. No application forms will be furnished after the above-mentioned date.

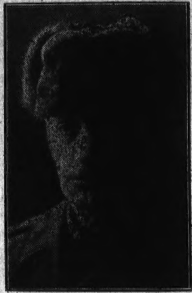
Miss L. Kenny having recovered from her attack of mumps is again on duty with her sweet query—"number?"

The PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW.

DR. W. D. COWAN

Thirty years ago there were only two silk hats in the city of Regina. One was the property of the late Nicholas Flood Davin, which he wore on state occasions; the other was worn by Dr. W. D. Cowan, a slim young man who had arrived in Regina on his honeymoon and there he remained to practise his profession of dentistry. He was a recent graduate of an eastern college and at that time it was an idea in the east that professional dignity could hardly be supported without a frock coat and a tall hat. Accordingly Dr. Cowan wore his on all and every occasion in Regina when he was out of doors. When he was at work in his dental parlors it reposed in splendid isolation on the table top and was regarded with great reverence by those who had occasion to seek his professional assistance.



DR. W. D. COWAN, M.P.

One wet and windy morning the doctor had occasion to visit the Regina post office. He had received his mail at the wicket and was coming down the steps at his usual headlong speed. The steps were slippery with Regina mud; he stumbled on the top one and fell to the bottom his silk hat falling before him. He fell into the arms of the late Hon. Geo. Brown who, at that time, was a very ordinary law student in the office of Scott & Hamilton. Mr. Brown picked Dr. Cowan up tenderly and retrieved his silk hat. It presented such an appearance that the doctor, with his usual impetuosity, kicked it into the middle of the street and invested in an ordinary every-day bowler. His silk hat was seen no longer about the streets of Regina. He clung to his frock coat, however, for some years afterwards but after a continued residence in the democratic west he also abandoned that classic garment.

The doctor was a very excellent dentist and it was not long until he was doing a considerable practice in the city of Regina. In addition to his professional capabilities he was a very good "mixer" and took a tremendous interest in politics. He wasn't very old at that time and he collected a coterie of young men around him who engaged in various activities such as mock parliaments, debating societies and kindred organizations. He was always to the front in any movement which had the welfare of young men and boys at heart.

Dr. Cowan was an ardent Conservative. He came of a family of those Scotch-Canadians of Ontario who are usually "Grit" to the backbone and the story of his conversion is rather interesting. He was a native of Guelph and some time around 1878 Sir John MacDonald was billed to address a meeting in that city. Dr. Cowan's father and relatives were bitterly opposed to the old Conservative chieftain, and young Cowan, taking the cue from his elders, went to the meeting intending to hoot and jeer. There was a great gathering, both of the faithful and unfaithful, and seating accommodation was at a premium. Cowan, with some companions climbed up one of the supports of the platform intending to assist in heckling the speaker. Although at the time only a lad of some thirteen years of age, he fell under the magnetic spell of old Sir John and listened most attentively to all he had to say. It was the time of the National Policy when the old chief was doing his best to arouse a national consciousness in the minds of the people of the Dominion. The lad went home in thoughtful mood and the following morning astounded his father at the breakfast table by informing him that henceforth and for all time he would be a follower of Sir John MacDonald's and an advocate of his policy. His father was almost speechless with indignation and threatened to bring his son to a proper political frame of mind with the assistance of a good stout stick. Young Cowan, however, was adamant and for many years was identified with the activities of the Conservative party in Regina.

During the election of 1896 he was one of the strongest lieutenants of the late Nicholas Flood Davin. He gathered a coterie of young men around him who campaigned most aggressively; they were known derisively by their opponents as "Cowan's kids," but they did yeoman service and many of them have since come to prominent positions, both in the political and business world in Western Canada.

The election of 1896 was an exceedingly bitter one. It was the time of the Remedial Bill, dealing with Manitoba schools and feeling ran high, particularly between the Catholics and Orange elements. There was a prominent Orangeman in Regina at that time named Hiscow. He occupied the responsible and onerous position of C.P.R. tank man and had charge of the local water supply for the railway corporation. Afterwards he was chief of police and a few other things in the city of Regina; but as Kipling would say, that is another story.

During the election of 1896 he was bitterly opposed to the Conservatives, Mr. Davin, Dr. Cowan and all their works. He got into a bitter altercation with Dr. Cowan on Scarth Street one day and wound up the argument by making a vicious assault on the doctor. The affair was witnessed by a neutral citizen who was so indignant that he had Hiscow arrested and hauled up before the magistrate, who at that time was Robt. Martin, of the Canada Drug and Book Company, and he was fined for assault. Hiscow was one of the black Irishmen who nurse their grievances to keep it warm and he watched his opportunity to

get even with the doctor. The 12th of July came around in due course and there was a parade of Orangemen through the streets of Regina. Hiscow, of course, brave in his regalia, was in the procession. As the cortege swung from Scarth Street to South Railway Street, with the band blaring bravely and the Orangemen with their chests expanded strutting along, someone called Hiscow's attention to the fact that a green flag was floating proudly from the summit of the C.P.R. tank which was his special care. Uttering an imprecation which we would not dare to repeat in this family journal, he broke from the ranks, bounded across the piece of vacant land which separated South Railway Street from the C.P.R. tracks, and climbing a small ladder with the agility of a monkey, he tore down the hated emblem, brought it to the ground with him and trod it into the dust of Regina. Quite a crowd had collected and Hiscow demanded who had done this his grievous and tremendous wrong. For a while he got no answer and then somehow or other Dr. Cowan's name was mentioned. This was like fuel to the flame. Hiscow disappeared into the little shed beside the tank, brandishing in a very aggressive manner a gleaming axe. "Lead me to the doctor," he said. He rushed up to Dr. Cowan's office in the Smith & Ferguson Block and found it locked. I am not sure whether he beat the door in with his axe but I think he did. Then he ran to the house of the doctor and found no one there. By this time the situation was apparently serious and some of his friends started to look for the doctor to warn him. He was eventually discovered by Charles Willoughby leading a prayer meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Willoughby slipped in reverently and waited until the doctor had concluded his invocation. He then went up to him and touching him on the shoulder whispered "Look out Doc, Hiscow is raging around after you with an axe." During the previous winter a pile of cordwood had been brought into the basement of the church to feed the stove to keep the worshippers warm, and some of it was still lying there. Without a word the doctor leapt to his feet and ran over to the stove, picked up a large cordwood stick which he caused to whistle around his head to the great delight of the worshippers. "Lead me to him and I'll fix him axe and all."

Dr. Cowan was the moving spirit in a number of debating societies, mock parliaments, etc., which were a feature of the winter life of Regina during the late nineties. Dr. Cowan was, himself, invariably president of these organizations and under his tutelage many young men who afterwards became prominent figures in public life obtained their first experience of public speaking. J. K. McInnis, although it was not his first adventure, was always in evidence. Walter Scott, if we are not mistaken, made his first speech there, and a very poor speech it was at that. The Rev. Mr. Ferry, who was one of the most popular pastors in Minneapolis, also learned to string his rounded periods together in proper sequence in Dr. Cowan's office. There were others, such as John Secord, General Ross and many another.

A rather amusing incident is related in connection with Walter Scott's first essay at public speaking. He did not distinguish himself at all at the debating society and during the campaign of 1900 when he was running against Mr. Davin, a call went out for a speaker to oppose Mr. Scott at Swift Current, Medicine Hat and other western points. Dr. Cowan, blithely accepted the challenge, remembering Mr. Scott's debating society performances. To his utter astonishment Mr. Scott gave him considerably the worse of an oratorical argument.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Cowan remarked parenthetically: "He certainly has improved some since the debating society days."

Despite the fact of Dr. Cowan's active interest in politics, he was active in every matter that had to do with the welfare of young people. He also found time to devote to his professional affairs. He had a high standing with his colleagues and was for twenty-six years president of the local dental association. In 1911 he was elected president of the Canadian Dental Association and has for many years been secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Dental Council of Canada and associate editor of the Dominion Dental Journal, also president of St. John's Ambulance Association for the province of Saskatchewan and vice-president of the Returned Soldiers' Association of Regina. He also took an active interest in municipal affairs and was for two years mayor of the city of Regina, a position which he held with dignity and efficiency. During the course of the war he took a great interest in matters military and was exceedingly anxious to see service overseas. He was, for some time, officer in command of the Canadian Dental Corps for Military District No. 12, and whilst in that position did a great deal for the soldiers who came under his hands.

When the Union government was formed he was the unanimous choice of the supporters of that administration and was elected over his opponent, Mr. A. McBeth, by a very large majority. Whilst in Ottawa he has been unceasing in his attention to the wants of the constituents. He brought to Dominion Councils a thorough knowledge of men and conditions in Western Canada. He is a very active and aggressive fighter but he never hits below the belt and is trusted by friends and opponents alike. He is a strong believer in the ultimate destiny of Canada in general and the west in particular, and has set up a standard of national ideals. Despite his long and active career he is still only in middle age and there is no reason to doubt that there is still further progress before him.

REUNION OF FIGHTING TWENTY-EIGHTH

The officers and men of the famous twenty-eighth fighting battalion, are arranging a reunion in Regina to commemorate the mobilization of this unit which took place in Winnipeg on the first day of November, in the memorable year of 1914.

Part of the battalion consisted of two hundred and fifty men and officers who had left Regina the previous day under the command of Colonel Embury, and it was added to by parties from other portions of the West.

The battalion achieved a glorious record in the war and it has been decided to hold this reunion in Regina on October 21st next so that those who bore the heat and the burden of the day in bivouac and on the battlefield may have an opportunity of meeting old comrades and reviving the memory of many a hard fought battle.

The reunion will take the form of a smoker which will be held in the Y.M.C.A. but in the Saskatchewan capital, and it is hoped that as many of the members of this unit as possible will be present.

Restaurant Keeper Says Complaints Are Groundless

WAITRESSES ARE NOT OVERWORKED

According to H. Terzakis, of the Balmoral Cafe, complaints made to the Trades and Labor Council that there are waitresses working in Regina 70 hours a week are groundless. Mr. Terzakis also takes objection to the assertion that Regina restaurants owned by "foreigners" are to blame.

"As far as I know," said Mr. Terzakis, "all of the restaurant owners are naturalized Canadians. I don't know where there are any waitresses working 70 hours a week in Regina."

"Forty-eight hours a week is the standard week for waitresses in Regina. Under the law they are enabled to work a total of 56 hours a week. Most of the waitresses in Regina work this 56 hours a week, but they are paid the difference between that and 48 hours."

Waitresses are being paid between \$35 and \$40 a month, including meals and laundry. The law says that the minimum wage must be \$14 and from this we are entitled to deduct \$5.25 for their board. Taking the wages they are being paid I do not think that there are many dissatisfied waitresses in Regina."

Planter Sentenced To Two Years For Bad Treatment of Blacks

Captain Longley Hawkins, late ex-K.A.R., manager of a plantation at Kuru Station, British East Africa, has been convicted by the Nairobi High Court, after a trial lasting five days, on charges involving terrible brutalities to natives. He was sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment on the main charge, while on a further count he was sentenced to a like concurrent term of imprisonment and on a third charge of maltreating a native woman he was fined \$1,000 or nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

One Tortured to Death

One of the natives died in consequence of the torture to which he was subjected. The evidence given at the trial, and at the earlier hearing in the lower court, showed that in the early summer Captain Hawkins lost a box containing \$235. He called together the farm laborers and decided that they should undergo two forms of ordeal, practiced by the "idians" among the natives, the one known as "striking the goat" and the other as "licking the knife." The knife test consisted of licking a red-hot blade.

Two native "boys," Kamangu and Richo, had their tongues severely burned by the heat, and they were arrested as the guilty parties. They later accused Mucheru, another native, and were released. One of the natives accused his mother, and she was sent for and beaten.

THE PRESENT (By Lee Shippey)

I am the Present. I am wholly yours
If you are mine. But if you vainly cling
To your dead love, the Past, or if you dream
A Future which is not my face and form
Grown dearer and made lovelier by your love
And toil for me, I am the passing Wind
That whispers and is gone for ever more.

I am the Present. I have gifts for you,
True gifts, great gifts, and gifts to make you great,
Gifts you may weave into the web of life
Until its sadder background glows with gold,
Gifts on which you may build unto the skies.
You cannot build on dead things nor on dreams
But you can build on me till dreams are true.

I am the Present. I have shining eyes and love
For you, if you disdain me not,
And faith and hope and courage in my heart
And power in my arms, for you, for you!

I am your Opportunity, if now you claim me. But if lost I shall become
The Past, for whose return you weep in vain!

TIME'S CHANGES

"You and your sister are twins, are you not?"
"We were in childhood. Now, however, she is five years younger than I."

CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADA

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POLITICS IN THE WEST

It must be apparent to every thinking person in Canada that politics in the Dominion are in a state of chaos—the people are wandering in the wilderness and looking for light.

During the war it must be assumed that the administration at Ottawa were occupied in attending to other business, and that the game of politics was not played.

Many centuries of experience of the British system of Government has shown that the most effective form of representative government is the parliamentary one in which the people and their representatives are divided into two schools of thought. There may be other parties as well but the natural trend is towards the supporters of the Government and the supporters of the Opposition. This has been found to facilitate administration and to be the best known medium for the administrative expression of public opinion.

In Canada the old lines of demarcation of Grit and Tory appear to have gone. In the formation of the Union Government an attempt was made to call the best men of both parties to council. Some of these men have stuck, and others have become deflected; nevertheless the Union Government has had the effect of doing away with the sharp lines of political cleavage which has hitherto obtained in the Dominion.

The time has now arrived, however, when it is well that political parties should have their aims and objects clearly defined and there are evidences that the political opinions of Canadians are slowly beginning to be crystallized and whatever may be the result of the next election there is no doubt there will once again be two great parties in Canada.

The Union Government was not a party. It was rather an expediency born of the necessities of war conditions; but out of the turmoil and rub of these war conditions it is apparent that its members are evolving a concrete political policy.

Hon. Arthur Meighen and his lieutenants are holding meetings throughout the country and placing their plans and platform squarely before the people; and Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, titular leader of the Liberal party is holding a series of meetings which will extend across Canada with the same object in view. In the west the Premier and Mr. MacKenzie King will give a pronouncement of their policies and views almost contemporaneously until people have had an opportunity of judging of their respective merits. There is no doubt this will have the result of crystallizing public opinion and many Canadians who have hitherto been out in the wilderness will come in and align themselves beneath the banners of whichever leader appeals to them. People will begin to find themselves in politics and know where they are at.

In any case the meetings which will be held in Western Canada by the Hon. A. Meighen and Mr. MacKenzie King will be followed with the greatest interest. Many people will withhold their political decisions until they have an opportunity of listening to the pronouncements of the two leaders.

THE NAVY LEAGUE

Beginning on October 21st, the Navy League will inaugurate a campaign throughout Canada for funds for that organization.

Such a campaign throughout the inland region of the west should be an educative one. During the first months of the war the United States Government found itself up against serious difficulties in obtaining appropriations for naval purposes from the people of the inland countries. If there were appropriations going the people of the Pacific Centre wanted them for bridges, court-houses and post offices. They were too remote from the ocean to have the slightest idea of what the protection of the sea meant.

We are not altogether so provincial in Canada, but nevertheless our inland dwellers require a good deal of education.

Whatever may be said there is not the slightest doubt in the world that despite the heroism of the soldiers in the field the war against the Germans was won by the British navy. Within a few days after the commencement of hostilities practically every German ship was driven off the high seas. The waterways were policed and patrolled by allied vessels, and as a consequence overseas countries as the source of supply were put out of business so far as Germany was concerned.

Most of our naval matters in Canada have been a joke. Prior to the war we had a couple of antiquated cruisers, one at Halifax and one at Victoria, which acted as fishery patrols and were used for training purposes—God help the mark—for some young naval reservists. During the war our Atlantic seaboard was fairly well protected, but the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, as Kipling would say, "lay bare as the parmet of the purser's sow," to the bombardment of any ships that might happen along. As a matter of fact the German cruisers of the Pacific squadron were only within a few hours of our coast cities and an attack was almost hourly expected. The money in the banks was placed on board the C.P.R. ferry boat and shipped to the mainland. Automobiles were mobilized so as to be ready to carry the non-combatants out of harm's way and there was almost a panic. The danger was only averted by the timely arrival of a couple of Japanese battle cruisers, who scared the German ships off into the Pacific when they eventually went down in the fight off the coast.

It is hardly dignified for a country like Canada, however, to depend for its safety on alien ships. We want a navy in Canada and we want a fairly strong one. In the east there is a population of seafaring people who have excellent naval reservists and a similar class is growing up on the Pacific Coast.

The object of the Navy League is a most laudable one and is deserving of every encouragement.

AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

A prominent business man has two colored men who work about his home. One morning Sam, one of the men, did not appear.

"Where is Sam?" asked the owner of the place.

"Sam's laid up, sah," was the response.
"What's the matter?" asked the business man, very sympathetically.
"Well, Sam he been a-tellin' me ev'ry mo'nin' for a year he gwine to lick his wife's cause of her naggin'."
"Well?"
"Well, yestiddy she done ovah-heat him. Da's all."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Children of Today Are the Parents and Citizens of Tomorrow. In Years to Come the Destinies of Canada Will Be in Their Hands.

My dear Boys and Girls:

When you read this letter I suppose the great day has come and gone, but no doubt you have many pleasant reminders of Christmas in the things which the spirit of Santa Claus left in your stockings, and I do hope that you are all feeling happy and contented with the gifts which you received.

This morning I received some rather interesting letters about pets owned by some of the readers of this corner, and I am printing one of these, and will continue to do so each week as they come in and would then like to have letters telling me which letter you think the most interesting. I have mentioned the weather many times this fall, have I not, and really it is deserving of mention because it is so build and nice, it seems hard to believe that it is winter at all. As I write this letter Regina is very busy, the people are shopping and all look happy and interested in getting their Christmas gifts.

I will not write more to you now but shall hope to hear from you each one at an early date.

Affectionately,

AUNT BETTY.

Address: Aunt Betty, 903 McCallum-Hill Bldg., Regina, Sask.

Letter to Aunt Betty

A PET I KNOW

We have a pet dog his name is Rover he has long brown hair and he is about two and a half feet tall, he is a nice dog for children to play with. We taught him to shake hands with everybody, in the morning he comes to the door and waits to come, when we open the door he comes in and goes to everyone and gives them his paw.

We taught him all kinds of tricks we taught him to bring sticks to us when we throw them but sometimes he would carry them away instead of bringing them back to us. We tried to teach him to speak, but we never could, when we hold up a piece of bread and tell him to speak he would just jump up and take it out of your hand.

He is very kind to the little ones he lets them climb all over him pull his ears and hair he will never bite or growl at them he likes to play with them but he has one very bad habit and that is he always runs to other people's houses, he kept going away every day till at last we had to, my how he did hate to be tied he just howled and whined all the time for the first couple nights, we did not like to hear him howl, so we let him go. The next night he went away, he came back in the morning with a hole through his jaw, some of neighbors had shot him, but that did not hurt him much he went away every night just the same no matter what happened to him so we tied him up again and keep him tied day and night. I don't think he will ever learn to stay home as long as he lives.

Written by
NELLIE DEGRAFF.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Gulliver was received well in the farmer's family, and was a pet by the farmer's daughter. Then the farmer was advised to exhibit for money. Finally he was sold to the Queen of the land, and had much discourse with the

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King, when he had mastered the language of the country, the soil of box was made for him by an ingenious carpenter and this was kept in the palace. All this time the farmer's daughter had charge of him.

After going through many adventures he was in his box one day when it was caught up by a great bird, and carried out to sea, where it fell in the water. The box was seen by the captain of a ship. Thus it was that Gulliver was released and returned to England in June, 1706.

Here we see the consequence of having grown familiar with people and things totally different from our own countrymen and their ways, for on his way home the littleness of the houses, the trees, the cattle and the people, made him begin to think himself in Lilliput!

Gulliver says that when he returned he was afraid of tramping on every traveler he met and often called out to them to stand out of the way. "When I came to my own house," he says, "one of the servants opened the door and I bent down to go in for fear of striking my head. My wife ran out to embrace me, but I stooped lower than her knees, thinking she could otherwise never reach me. In short, I behaved myself so queerly that they all thought I had lost my senses. In a short time my family, my friends and I came to an understanding, but my wife protested that I should never go to sea again."

When ordering goods by mail send a Dominion Express Money Order.

FOR THE TINY TOTS

Miss Kitty was rude at the table one day. And would not sit still on her seat. Regarding all that her mother could say, she would not listen. From her chair little Kitty kept running away. All the time they were eating their meat.

As soon as she saw that the beef was removed. She ran to her chair in great haste. But her mother, such giddy behaviour reproved. By sending away the sweet pudding she loved.

Without giving Kitty one taste. Rowley Powley, pudding and pie. Kissed the girls and made them cry.

When the girls came out to play Rowley Powley ran away.

HOW RIP VAN WINKLE WENT HOME

As Rip Van Winkle approached the village after his long sleep he met a number of people, but none whom he knew, which surprised him. Their dress was of a different fashion from that to which he was accustomed. They all stared at him in surprise and whenever they looked at him, stroked their chins. This at last caused Rip to do the same when, to his astonishment, he found his beard had grown a foot long!

He had now entered the outskirts of the village. A troop of strutting children ran at his heels, hooting after him and pointing at his grey beard. The very village was altered; it was larger and more populous. There were rows of houses which he had never seen before and those which had been his familiar haunts had disappeared. Strange names were over the doors, strange faces at the windows—everything was strange.

His mind was now troubled and he began to doubt whether both he and the world around him were not bewitched. Surely this was his native village which he had left but the day before. There stood the Catskill Mountains; there ran the silvery Hudson; at a distance there was every hill and dale precisely as it had always been.

Rip was sorely perplexed. "That flacon last night," thought he, "has added my poor head sadly!"

(To be continued)

LITTLE HINTS FOR ODD MOMENTS

How to Measure a Tree

Some of the natives of South America have a curious way of measuring a tree or a tower. They turn their backs to the tree and then walk away from it until they come to a spot where, keeping their backs to the tree, they can see the top of the tree. Then they make a mark on the ground and the distance from this mark to the base of the tree is, roughly, the height of the tree. Any boy can thus tell within an inch or two the height of a tree or building.

Writing With Ink on Wood

If you have ever tried to write with pen and ink upon ordinary wood you know how difficult it is. Directly you have written the words the ink begins to run and if the pen has been well filled the words become in a few moments a mere blur. To avoid this running of the ink, there is a very simple precaution which may be taken and that is to rub the wood with powdered resin, which makes it quite possible to write upon it.

A Whirlpool in a Tumbler

If you fill a tumbler with water and throw upon it some thin shavings of camphor, these will instantly begin to move about and give the appearance of making a whirlpool, the movement continuing for some time. But if we now dip into the water anything that is greasy, as, for instance, the end of a pencil that has been dipped in oil, the swirling of the camphor will dart to the sides of the glass and the motions will cease immediately.

Some Exercises Which Will Do You Good

Perhaps some of our boys and girls are at the age where they are continually being told not to stoop. Here are a few exercises which should be done before a mirror to make sure that you are carrying out the directions given.

Breathing

Handkerchief Drill. Attention (1) place first finger of left hand on left nostril so as to close it; (2) breathe in deeply through right nostril; (3) release left nostril and close the right with right forefinger and breathe slowly through left nostril; (4) do the exercise again, this time breathing in through the left nostril, and out through the right. Repeat three or four times alternately.

Arm Exercises

Attention. (1) arms upward bend; (2) arms forward stretch, the arms and hands the width of the shoulders apart, palms facing, fingers and thumbs straight, arms straight and level with the shoulders; (3) return to arms upward bend; (4) repeat several times, being careful to stretch out as far as possible and to return smartly to perfectly correct position; (5) from arms upward bend, proceed to arms stretching downward, with vigor, palms turned to sides, fingers

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THE REAL SANTA CLAUS

A young and rich man was walking one day through the streets of his native town, when he heard sounds of sorrow from the house of a rich man whose money was all lost and who was living on the verge of starvation with his three daughters. The young man listened and he heard a girl's voice say:

"Father, let us go into the streets and beg, for it is hard to starve."

Then he heard the proud father make answer:

"Not yet. Not tonight. Let us wait one more night. I will again pray God to save my children from such disgrace."

Nicholas hurried home. Among the treasures he had inherited from his father were three bars of gold. He took one of these bars at night to the house of the poor man and finding an open window which he could just reach by standing on tiptoe, he thrust in the bar of gold and went away. Then he came a second night and left the second bar; and the third night and left the third bar. But the third night he was discovered and the poor father, who believed that the gold had come from heaven, knelt at his feet. Nicholas said:

"Give thanks to God, for it was He who sent me to you."

This may another splendid gift of love Nicholas did in the name of God, and always in secret, so that he is called St. Nicholas, and we say he comes to children on Christmas Eve and fills their stockings with gifts for the sake of His Master the Lover of all children and the Savior of mankind.

GAMES TO PLAY AT A PARTY

Horse Racing

Take five pieces of narrow tape about three-fourths inch wide and tie to a stationary object. Select five players to stand at the end of the tape. Each player takes a piece of tape and runs it horizontally across the tape, finishing first being the winner. If he cuts the tape off he is counted out. Knots may be tied in the tape to increase the fun and the difficulty.

Advertisement Contest

Cut from magazines or papers, the pictures from a number of advertisements that are fairly well known, and mount each separately on a numbered card. Hang these around the walls of the room on the "eye line" and give each guest a piece of paper and a pencil. The person wins who guesses the largest number of advertisements. It is surprising how difficult this game really is, for we may be familiar with the pictures but forget the names of the advertisers. This game may be varied by using pictures of famous persons, authors, actors and artists, each mounted on a numbered card.

Lucky Respite

"Did that heckler annoy you?" "Not a bit," replied Senator Sorghum. The argument I was following up was getting a little bit complicated for me and I was rather glad of an opportunity to turn my mind off it over to the police.

Attention. (1) arms upward bend; (2) arms forward stretch, the arms and hands the width of the shoulders apart, palms facing, fingers and thumbs straight, arms straight and level with the shoulders; (3) return to arms upward bend; (4) repeat several times, being careful to stretch out as far as possible and to return smartly to perfectly correct position; (5) from arms upward bend, proceed to arms stretching downward, with vigor, palms turned to sides, fingers

The Winner

"We had a contest to decide the prettiest girl in our graduating class of 400." "How did it turn out?" "One girl got two votes."

One Organ Strong

Whatever may be the condition of the world's heart just now, its spleen seems to be functioning excellently.

HOME-MADE CANDY

Karo Fudge

The following materials are needed: 1 pound of sugar, which is the same as two cups of sugar, 1/4 cup of Karo corn syrup, 2 1/2 cups of milk, two tablespoons (1 oz.) of butter, 2 oz. of chocolate or 1/2 cup of cocoa and one teaspoon of vanilla.

Put the sugar, corn syrup and milk in a pan and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Then add the finely chopped chocolate, and stir until melted. Cook slowly, stirring it but little while boiling. After fifteen minutes see if it has reached the soft ball stage, or if the thermometer reads 240° F. so, remove the pan from the fire, stir in the butter and vanilla and beat the candy until it begins to cream and to show fine grains around the edges of the pan. Do not beat too long or a glass will not show on top. Pour into buttered pans and mark in squares.

Dates With Fondant

For 20 dates we need half a cup of fondant. The fondant is made as follows: Beat the white of an egg, until stiff, add three tablespoons of water and gradually five cups of confectioner's sugar. When it is almost stiff add the vanilla, and when it rolls away in the form of a ball from the sides of the dish put it on a board powdered with confectioner's sugar. Knead it as though it were bread dough until it is well mixed. Roll the fondant into sticks about one inch wide and cut small pieces crosswise. Place a strip in the center of each date and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

A CHEAPER CHRISTMAS CAKE

For those who feel that a "regular" Christmas cake is beyond their purse we are providing another kind formed of cheaper ingredients to take its place. This, however, requires just as careful mixing and baking:

One cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup butter or substitute, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 pound seedless raisins, 1 pound thinly sliced citron, 1 pound currants, 1 cup strong coffee.

Cream the butter and sugar well, and add the eggs well beaten, and the molasses. Then sift the dry ingredients and add. Now beat thoroughly and add the chopped and floured fruits and beat again. Any quantity of dried candied fruits can be added. Bake very slowly in a moderate oven for two and one-half hours. The coffee should be poured or sprinkled carefully over the cake as it is taken from the oven. If baked in a covered roasting pan with the cover on, use the last half-hour no coffee will be needed to soften the cake. This recipe makes a 4-pound cake and should be kept in a cool, but not too moist place, as the age improves the flavor.

As many of our readers have written asking for a good recipe for Scotch shortbread we give the following:

The Chronic Optimist

A group of war veterans were discussing Thanksgiving. One of the guests was a veteran who had lost both legs.

"And what have you to be thankful for?" they asked.

"Lots," he replied, "I've got cork legs and I can put on my socks with thumb tacks."

Different Sort

Little Edna was visiting the museum with her aunt. In the Egyptian room the child saw the desiccated remains of an ancient queen and asked what it was.

"That is some one's mummy, dear," replied auntie.

"Goodness!" said Edna, "I'm glad my mummy doesn't look like that."

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A NOTED CANADIAN WRITER OVER EIGHTY BUT REMARKABLY ACTIVE

In a secluded and idyllic retreat on the St. Lawrence just west of the town of Ganoque, a little lady, who numbers her years well over the eighty mark, and who is known as the most wonderful woman of her age in Canada, spends nearly seven out of the twelve months. She is Agnes Maude Machar, the well-known Canadian writer, and her retreat is called "Ferncliffe."

"I always remain here till I see snow on the rocks, and until my breath is visible," she says. "I love it so, that it just seems I cannot tear myself away and the middle of November frequently finds me still looking out over the cliff to the blue river and the islands, every one of which stands out sharply in the clear autumn air. No, all the campers are gone and we are alone here," she added. "They don't realize what they miss, do they?"

We stood in a cathedral-like grove carpeted with oak leaves. It was a day in November, sunny and warm, yet with a snap of frost in the air. A temporary recreation had taken place in the plant world and over all was the pungent odor of earth and fern and flowers. The visitor whispered to the rocks far below. A rabbit rustled in the leaves nearby. Birds called. Summer had returned for an hour.

Miss Machar takes a cold dip every morning of her life. Daily she walks many miles. Yet she knows not weariness except by name and in tennis shoes will clamber over the rocks showing the visitor all the charming views and will then go out on the river and how her own boat. Accompanied by her gardener she goes over her ten acres every day, and spends hours digging and pruning and weeding. The visitor would go for miles around knows and loves her and the school children call out gay greetings as she passes. Rain or shine she keeps her appointments. In great house and small a warm welcome is hers at any hour. Very unceremoniously and quietly she will walk into a schoolroom, the pupils rising with smiles and chorus: "Good morning, Miss Machar," and then she will treat them to one of her kind little talks. Every child in Ganoque is a friend to dumb creatures and over every blackboard is the Golden Rule.

Ganoque means "rocks and deep waters," we are told. "Ferncliffe" stands at the top of an almost sheer precipice and can be reached from the water only by climbing a tall flight of steps. Over a steep rock at the top, green moss grows and Miss Machar has a wealth of flowers all through the season. In November the dahlias, asters, nasturtiums, salvia, cosmos, star flowers and pansies were still blooming.

A Remarkable Personality

We slept in a delightful room overlooking the islands and early in the morning our hostess threw back the shutters and a glorious flood of sunshine poured through the tall French window. We went out on the balcony and gazed on the beauty all about. Never had the water been bluer, the rocks and trees more wonderful. We could have cried aloud—and, in fact, did.

After breakfast we went to the cliff edge to listen to the "water whispering to the rocks far below. Our little hostess quoted Hawthorne, softly. Once some storm-caught campers were soothed by her reading of a portion of the Lady of the Lake, we were told, and on another occasion a couple of vandals whom she had caught in the act of breaking into her house were subjugated and shamed and sent on their way with kind words only. This is her invariable habit.

"Nickie" is her pet dog, a silver-haired terrier now a dozen years old. Five pet cats vie with him and one another for first place in her affections. One of these is named "Patricia" and this she presented to us in a large black beauty with emerald orbs.

"Ferncliffe" could never be mistaken for anything but a literary woman's domain. Books line the walls, fill the corners and overflow the tables, while great bundles of newspapers and hun-

Sends Greetings To Veterans

The following letter of greeting to the various Saskatchewan branches of the G.W.V.A. has been issued by Colonel McArthur, the president. It is well worth the attention, not only of the veterans but of all people of wide sympathies throughout the west. This organization is doing excellent work and it is to be regretted that more of the principles which actuate it are not in practice amongst those of the public who do not have the honor and distinction of being veterans in the Great War:

December 8th, 1920.

The Secretaries of all Branches, Great War Veterans' Ass'n., Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir and Comrades:

We are fast approaching the Christmas and New Year season, and on behalf of the Provincial Command, I wish through you to convey to the members of your branch the season's greetings from the Provincial Office.

In wishing all the Comrades of your branch a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, the Provincial Office wishes the attention of every Comrade again drawn to the necessity of continuing keen and unflinching interest in our Association. You have heard the statement that there is unrest in the world so often that the phrase is now abused, but the fact remains that conditions as they exist demand the combined best efforts of the returned men of this Province until conditions shall have readjusted themselves to the pre-war state. At this time we quite realize the distress that exists throughout our country, and particularly among our Comrades, and if Comradeship is worth anything, then nothing should be left undone by any of you during the coming year, which the whole question will probably be discussed. Meantime, the Provincial Command urges discussion on this phase of our work, and all its features, by the Branches. General societies exist to which many of our Comrades belong. In the best of these, however, the greatest sacrifice which one brother would require of another would be his services, or the finest sacrifice. In our Association the sacrifice which the Comrades might have made, when called upon on behalf of another Comrade, was the sacrifice of LIFE itself, and many of our Comrades who today lie buried in France and Flanders left obeying the greatest fraternal call of the ages, which we, now re-established, should endeavor to perpetuate, and by perpetuating the memory of those our fallen Comrades in France. On behalf, therefore, of the Provincial Command, I urge you to greater effort during the coming year.

I wish you all prosperity and trust that 1921 at Yuletide will find our Association stronger, keener and more determined than ever in its aims and ambitions than true Comradeship must be maintained among the ex-service men, and that by reason thereof, Saskatchewan and Canada will be better to live in.

Yours fraternally,

J. McARTHUR,

President G.W.V.A.

dreds of copies of old periodicals and new lie around in "sweet abandon"—the latter ranging from Blackwood's and The Atlantic Monthly to the youngest of our own magazines. Miss Machar reads without the aid of glasses. At the close of an active day she will spend hours at literary labor. At about eight the wind rose and rain dashed against the panes so we drew close up to a fire of driftwood and talked books. One can learn so much from Miss Machar.

After a salesman had sold a big order of goods to the Scotch buyer for a Chicago store, he sought to make the Scot a present of a box of cigars.

"I'm sorry I can't accept," the Scot said, "but there's a rule of the house that ye canna take presents from salesmen."

"Well," laughed the salesman, "I'll sell them to you for five cents then."

"That's different now," the canny buyer replied after taking a good sniff at the box: "I can buy my smokes anywhere I please. I'll take four boxes."

When the boys assembled for their game of ball, Bobby, the pitcher, was missing. Jimmy was sent to investigate.

"Is Bobby at home?" he asked the sister who answered his knock.

"Course he is," she answered. "Don't you see his shirt on the line?"

JERRY ON THE JOB---"That Awful Fast Time"



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DANCING IN WAINWRIGHT SCHOOLS

"To dance or not to dance?" was a perturbing question which was raised at the first meeting of the new school board, owing to a recommendation from the principal that the staff be allowed the use of the high-school room at least once a month for the purpose of holding community social gatherings.

As the principal fully explained, the idea is no new one, it having been in vogue for years in the high schools in the east; but when the question was raised as to allowing such gatherings to finish up with a short spell for the devotees of the terpsichorean art our worthy board members were inclined to register a "kick"—although as each one pointed out, it was too big a matter upon which to issue a snap judgment.

So far as we can see, there should be very little (if any) discussion raised by the ratepayers to the actual dancing, when it is pointed out that it would only be among, say the high school pupils, and their parents and the teaching staff, with, possibly the members of the board, and their ladies who should prove first-class chaperones. Dancing under such circumstances would savour much more of the private home assemblage than of the public dance hall, and, to the writer's mind, would tend to enhance the value of deportment and physical development.

While we know we are liable to meet strong opposition for advocating such views, we see no need of anyone getting "hot under the collar" over the matter. Let its good and bad (if any) points be weighed pro, and con, and, if necessary, let the board be asked to call a meeting of school ratepayers to discuss the project; and in addition we will be pleased indeed to invite broad-minded letters to our columns giving the divergent viewpoints of those interested. Meanwhile the subject can be left in that stage which is aptly described in the opening sentence above!

THE QUESTION OF EXCHANGE

Fifty-six years ago, after the Civil War, the United States dollar was quoted in Toronto at forty cents. To day that dollar is quoted here at one hundred and ten cents, or more, while the Canadian dollar has an exchange value of only about ninety cents in the United States.

On every side the questions are asked, "What is the meaning of 'exchange'?" "Why is our money at a discount?" and "When will the Canadian dollar again be worth its face value?"

Many false impressions are held as to the cause of these fluctuations.

This series, published each week, is intended to remove misunderstandings as to the cause of fluctuation in the exchange value of our dollar in other countries.

A foreign dollar is a commodity in Canada, that is something to be bought or sold and not current money; and similarly the Canadian dollar is a commodity in a foreign country and not current money there.

Their value (or rather their price in the local current money) is therefore governed by the law of supply and demand.

The reason foreign dollars are commodities is that they are not "legal tender" outside their own country.

You would not like a debt to you to be paid in German marks or French francs because of the difficulty you might have in converting them into your own currency. At border points in the United States our immediate neighbor, where exchanging the two currencies is a simple matter, Canadian money is now generally accepted, but elsewhere in that country it is taken reluctantly.

The protect their peoples all Governments provide that creditors may refuse payment of amounts due them unless made in certain specified currencies and the currencies so authorized are called "legal tender."

The banker who receives "foreign dollars" cannot therefore pay them out over the counter so they are not money to him, but they are securities, until he can exchange them for currency of his own country.

Next week, we will explain the method of making this exchange.

STIMULATING THE READING HABIT

There is an old saw to the effect that anything can be sold by advertising it. And the U. S. A. National Association of Book Publishers, remembering that advertising taught us to wear collars, eat breakfast foods and buy war bonds, have concluded that the one and only way to stimulate the reading of books is to advertise. They are therefore setting aside a large sum, not for the promotion of any particular book, indeed, there will be no book named; nor publishers' name given, the advertising being directed to generally reviving the interest of an indifferent public in the reading of books.

We at best on this continent are but casual book readers. We nearly all display a considerable interest in picking out our clothing, our boots, our cigars and our candies. There is nothing haphazard about the processes by which we arrive at a definite conclusion. But with books it is another matter. Most people do not read any to speak of, while those who choose books intelligently number very small indeed as compared with the whole population. The decline in book reading within the present generation is largely attributable no doubt to other occupations and amusements. The movie and the motor car are unquestionably large factors in the case of the neglected book. We ride out in the evening in place of turning up the reading lamp, or we go around the corner and pass away the time at the movie theatre.

Reading is a habit. And intelligent reading more or less of an art. When the habit is acquired it grows on one, and possibly gives more real enjoyment than any form of amusement that comes our way. The money that is actually wasted in travel because the traveller has no intelligent grasp on what he is looking at, owing to his not having read it up, is astounding. I call to mind a man who spent the past six months getting acquainted with his own continent but who could tell one nothing as to what he saw beyond the bare fact as to this or that hotel being good.—Ex.



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STRAYED—To my place at Sligo, one two-year-old Red Steer; with white face: Branded on right ribs "WH" over bar also "M" with a reverse "B" on left hip; owner can have same by paying expenses—N. E. Garrioch, Heath Alta. 26-1p

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"NEW YEARS" REVERIE: ALL THINGS NEW

We stand today on the threshold of a New Year. It is fitting that we should welcome it with gladness of heart and with optimistic spirits. None of us know what the New Year holds for us of good or ill, but that is no reason why we should not face it with courage and cheer. It is certain that it will contain new responsibilities, new opportunities of service, new tasks to be faithfully performed, new heights to climb, and perhaps new sorrows to be endured.

If the New Year is to be happy for the nation, and communities there must be given a greater heed to honesty in all walks of life. It looks as though we shall soon be bemoaning "hard times." Should they come, until we feel the pinch, it will be partly the effect of the back-slash from the stormy years of war. But it will not be that alone. We will be but reaping what we have sown. People cannot expect to draw a full day's pay for half a day's work and expect prosperity to prevail. When people cease buying what they cannot pay for, when they stop borrowing money to adorn themselves with luxuries; when they cease mortgaging their houses to own automobiles; when they exalt fair dealings, plain living and honest toil then may we look for permanent prosperity as the rightful harvest.

It would be well if the New Year brought us a new sense of seriousness of life. We are lone pilgrims treading paths of the years. "No man liveth unto himself." This is true also of nations. The world has contracted into a neighborhood. The seas are but lanes dividing us. What happens in one national street at night is known in the next national street in the morning. Our influences vibrate across continents today. Nothing is more important therefore than the quality of life we give to the world. Just as nature perpetuates the fairest leaf and immortalizes the most insignificant feature of life in the rocks, so our lives and influences are going into the strata of the world's life, and leaving an impress that will last for good or ill.

WORLD'S SHORTAGE OF LIVE STOCK

It is the belief of well informed authorities on the live stock industry that consumption of meats is everywhere overtaking production. In other words, the increase in the meat-eating population of the world is either moving upwards faster than is the increase in live stock populations, or else the latter is on the decline. In some classes of stock we have been slaughtering without due regard to the future.

Whatever may be the nature of our opinion of the live stock industry as it localized itself under the abnormal conditions of the present, following a tremendous dislocation of trade relations, involving credits and exchange, we would do well to look ahead and abroad so that our live stock, indispensable to our agriculture under all and any conditions, may be able to respond to consumptive demand when normal trade movements are again established. The fact still remains that normally



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"NEW YEARS" REVERIE: ALL THINGS NEW

The world requires 50, million pounds of beef, mutton, pork and fats annually, that the exporting countries of the world must supply approximately four billions of an export surplus to meet import and that in Argentina, Australia, United States, Denmark and Canada, four of the chief exporting countries, marketings have, during the past year at least, been beyond the point of judicious liquidation.

A short review of the situation as it existed at the time when the normal movement of supply and demand was disrupted shows clearly that the live stock industry of the world was falling steadily behind in production in relation to consumption.

The white population of the world in 1901 was approximately 510,000,000 and in 1914 approximately 595,000,000; an increase of about 16 per cent.

The number of feed animals at the same periods, 000's omitted, were as follows:

	1901	1914
Cattle	336,000	344,000
Sheep	588,000	600,000
Hogs	141,000	161,000

Reduced to "cattle units" the totals are 614,000 "cattle" in 1901 649,000 "cattle" in 1914.

If these two quantities are divided by the white population of their respective years the results show:

1.2 "cattle" per capita in 1901.

1.1 "cattle" per capita in 1914.

This gives a decrease of .1 cattle. According to R. H. Hooker each cattle unit in the United Kingdom yields 1271 hundred-weights of meat (long) but the world's production is probably 100lbs. The decline is therefore, roughly 10 lbs per annum per head of world population.

In Canada, Australia and New Zealand, combined, the most important animal food stuffs producing countries within the British Empire, the percentage increase in food animals in recent years has only kept pace with the increase in population. No considerable areas of new land have been opened to the world since 1900 in such a way as to throw any large meat surpluses upon the international market. Moreover, the prairie countries (American) where heavy supplies, especially of animal products, were rapidly made accessible about the year 1880, were unfortunately stock-raised and cropped without regard to the future. In fact, these countries were living, as also the food importing countries that drew on them, upon accumulated capital in the way of soil fertility during the last 20 years of the 19th century. These areas are now severely taxed to meet the increased demand, and in western Canada, grain is still in the ascendancy while the prairie ranches of the west have almost disappeared.

The tendency throughout the temperate countries for cultivated crops to encroach upon natural and seeded pasture is evident in Canada and the United States. From the point of view of supplies of animal foodstuffs, it makes all the difference whether the increased area taken is for crops for human consumption, of cereal crops and roots, where part is used for animal consumption. The encroachment of food and industrial crops upon land formerly devoted to the rearing of animals has of late years been most noticeable in certain part of Europe and in North America. The fact that the general ratio of food animals to human population decreases (Continued on page seven)

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WORLD'S SHORTAGE OF LIVESTOCK

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elined in the period already mentioned indicates that food animals lost relatively rather than gained by the process. Among the different kinds of animals, pigs and poultry gain as compared with the others, whether the result of the process is to increase or diminish the total crop produce (exclusive of grass) available for food animals, because they are reared irrespective of pastures; and dairy cattle gain at the expense of beef cattle, because when pastures are reduced, and crops replace grass, the former animals as a rule, become more profitable. The most marked declines are in sheep raised in all the four regions mentioned.

Until more intensive methods of production become world wide we are faced with a world shortage of meats. Great Britain has felt the shortage least among the important consuming countries (not considering war ravaged countries) because her well established trade connections have given her the choice of the world's exportable surplus. In other countries, however, notably the United States, Germany, Austria and France, the question has become serious, so much so that continental countries showed signs of lifting or modifying import barriers to frozen and chilled meat before the outbreak of the European war, while the United States, partly for the same reasons, abolished the tariff of 1½ cents per pound, on all kinds of imported meat in 1913.

General economic progress as well as the increase in human population and the status of living in the consuming world, makes fresh demands upon available animal produce. This decline must be offset by an extension in live stock production sufficient to meet increased consumptive demand. Any great augmentation of population in Canada at the present time would find us in a situation where we would either be severely taxed to provide for total domestic demand or else compelled to curtail our export trade.

FRUIT GROWING IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Fruit growing in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is yet in the experimental stages. Farmers and settlers have done much for themselves, the wide sweep of the prairies, the severe and intermittent frosts, and the lack of protection from the elements render the problem somewhat difficult of solution. Much is being done by the creation of wind breaks, but much remains to be accomplished before success has been fairly or generally achieved. The efforts of the individual are being generously seconded by both the Dominion and provincial Governments.

In this connection an experimental station was established six years ago at Morden, Manitoba. The progress made by this station is described by the Dominion

Horticulturist in the December number of The Agricultural Gazette. Mr. Macoun states that, so far, ninety acres have been used, on which, in order to supply protection from the wind, hedges of the Siberian pear tree and of willows were set out. These hedges have grown well. Forty acres have been planted with apples of varieties tested at the Central Farm, Ottawa. These trees are beginning to bear, and plum trees and small fruits have produced abundantly. Strawberries have flourished. Mushrooms and watermelons are also successfully grown in the district by the Mennonites. Potatoes have been grown for seed purposes. Altogether splendid success has been achieved, and the prospects for fruit growing on the Prairie Provinces have been greatly enhanced. New and more suitable varieties of fruits are being continually experimented with.

IS "UP" UP OR DOWN?

"Let me have sleeping accommodations on the train to Ottawa," I said to the man at the window, who didn't seem at all concerned whether I took the trip or stayed at home.
"For a single passenger?" he finally said.
"No," I replied, "I'm married but I'm not taking anybody with me. A single shelf will answer."
"Upper or lower?" he asked.
"What's the difference?" I enquired.
"A difference of fifty cents," came the answer.
"Our prices to Ottawa are \$2.50 and \$3.00."
"You understand of course," exclaimed the agent, "the lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower berth. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. It didn't used to be so, but we found everybody wanted the lower. In other words the higher the fever."
"Why do they all prefer the lower?" I broke in.
"On account of its convenience," he replied. "Most persons don't like the upper, although it's lower, on account of it being higher, and because when you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed, and then get down when you get up. I would advise you to take the lower, although it's higher than the upper for the reason I have stated, that the upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. You can have the lower if you pay higher; but if you are willing to go higher it will be lower."—Ex.

PRIMING THE PUMP

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HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

BORN—To Mr and Mrs G. Reich on Saturday January 8th a son.

BORN—To Mr and Mrs W. Quebec on Sunday January 9th, a daughter.

BORN—To Mr and Mrs H. Wilkinson of Edgerton, a son.

The regular meeting of the Town Council will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening.

The local G. W. V. A. held their monthly meeting on Saturday last when the business of their big annual ball was successfully wound up.

A freight wreck near Edgerton early on Sunday morning was the cause of calling out a gang for a dose of coal shovelling.

We understand that a social evening is being arranged for an early date to take place in the Ascot schoolhouse.

The third annual Curler's ball is slated for this evening in the Elite.

Mr and Mrs J. C. McLeod spent the week end with relatives at Chauvin.

Too bad! These hard times, too! But from what we learn the editors recently-acquired farm stock (one cow) is "on the blink". Ask Donald!

Dr. H. Lockwood wishes to notify his patients that he will be absent from his dental parlors from Tuesday noon January 18th to Thursday January 20th. 19-1c

Mr and Mrs Fieldhouse are in the city for a few days where H. V. is attending to court business.

A dance and box social will be held on Wednesday January 19th at 8 p.m., at Park Road. Ladies bring boxes; gents bring half-dollar.

Mr Tom Hurley arrived in town with his wife, from cornation last week end, and expects to be here for a couple of months in the interests of the L. H. C.

Mrs Murray Pawling, who was spending a few days in the city last week returned home on Saturday.

After an enjoyable holiday spent with relatives and friends in Minneapolis and other eastern points, Mr Alb. Hedlund returned home on Thursday last.

Owing to the efforts of the "B and B" gang the dinginess is being removed from our local depot these days. It will, no doubt, ultimately blossom forth in accordance with our contentions—the brightest spot on the line!

Mr J. Stuart is away to Olds, Alta. this week, on business. Here's hoping Bill has a good time.

Owing to the sudden news of the serious illness of his father, Mr M. A. Boyer took a hurried trip to the States on Friday last.

As will be seen by our advg columns, the dining-room at the Park hotel is again open for business.

After spending the Christmas vacation at his parental home, Mr Murray Pawling has returned to his studies at the university of Alberta, Edmonton.

Mr D. W. Davison, D.D.G.M. will install the officers of Edgerton Lodge No. 109 I.O.O.F. tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 8 p.m.

We are glad to know that Miss Maud Nicholson, of the Merchants bank staff, has recovered her recent attack of tonsillitis.

These are the days of annual school meetings as will be seen from the insignificant little notices stuck up in our post office, why don't the respective secretaries seek publicity through the proper channels—the advg columns of The Star? We notice this is being done in dozens of instances in our country exchanges and, as a matter of fact its how we make our living and keep this g.h.j. going!

We understand that Russel Fox is making arrangements to return from his stay at the coast.

Mrs Catherine Horne arrived last week to take up residence in town. She was formerly of Winnipeg.

Mrs R. A. Snyder and Master Selkirk left on Thursday last to spend a holiday with friends and relatives at several eastern points. Bob is left home to "keep the home fires burning!"

Mrs J. Finnemore, of Viking is spending a few weeks holiday with her parents Mr and Mrs E. Baynton.

Mrs G. M. Rosholt left on Saturday last to visit friends at Red Deer.

It was providential that the alarm of fire at the Wainwright hotel on Wednesday last was only a chimney blaze, for the blizzard at the time might have caused havoc had the conflagration been of a more serious nature. Our fire laddies soon had things ship-shape, however.

In celebration of his fifth birthday, Master A. Priestley was the "host" on January 4th when Mrs N. Priestley entertained quite a number of wee folks to do him honor.

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Bring along your lady friend and your skates and enjoy a real old-fashioned sleigh party. The W. I. have the whole thing arranged for Monday January 24th starting from Dr Middle-mass' office at 7 p.m. "Hot dogs" and other delicacies are on the menu so all will surely get their half-dollar's worth.

Mrs J. Bates who has spent quite a long holiday with her parents Mr and Mrs H. Kemp, returned home to the city this week.

School inspector E. L. Fuller was up to the city on departmental business last week end and returned home on Sunday.

The members of Adeline Rebekah Lodge I. O. O. F. are arranging another of their enjoyable whist drives to be held on Wednesday January 26th, a good time is assured and a full attendance is hoped for.

From what we learn arrangements are under way for a Masquerade dance on Valentine's Day February 14th.

Miss L. Rubenok returned home at the week end after a couple of months' spent at Calgary.

Join the Community League!

The Gilt Edge boys are giving another of their famous box socials in the Orange hall on Friday evening next. Everybody is assured of a good time.

Mr W. C. Bowen was a tripper to the city over the week end.

Heigh-o! for a good time with the Sleighing Party which is being arranged by the ladies of the W. I. on Monday January 24th. Sleighs will start from Dr Middle-mass' office at 7 p.m. The rendezvous will be at Mr Alexander Murray's 5 1/2 miles East of town. Bring your skates along; if you would rather, eard games will be arranged also.

Mr Chas. E. Noble, Grand Master I. O. O. F. will be at Irma Friday night January 14th, Edgerton Saturday night January 15th, and will hold a District meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall Wainwright Monday January 17th at 2 p.m. and will officially meet Wainwright Lodge No. 45 on Monday evening at 8 o'clock when the Initiatory Degree will be exemplified.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NOTICE—Mrs Catherine Horne will take in Maternity Cases, Maternity Home second house East of Presbyterian church; also Plain Sewing.

MEATS FROM LIVESTOCK

A bird's eye view of Canadian livestock is afforded by the following table. It shows, by provinces, the relation of cattle, sheep and swine respectively to all meat yielding livestock and, in the last column, of milch cows to other cattle. Thus the ration of cattle lowest in Prince Edward Island percentage of sheep is highest in Nova Scotia and lowest in Saskatchewan; the percentage of swine is highest in Ontario and lowest in Nova Scotia while the percentage of milch cows is highest in Ontario, followed next in order by British Columbia and Quebec down to the lowest in Alberta.

Percentage to all Livestock	
Sheep	Swine
Ontario 20	29
Quebec 25	22
Manitoba 14	19
Saskatchewan 9	18
Alberta 18	15
British Columbia 19	18
N. Brunswick 40	13
Nova Scotia 47	7
All Canada 22	21

Percentage to all Cattle	
Milch Cows	
Ontario 51	61
Quebec 53	48
Manitoba 62	29
Saskatchewan 73	26
Alberta 67	22
British Columbia 63	51
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Nova Scotia 46	43
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